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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Establishment of Training Courses at the
Defense Intelligence School in Application
of Information Science Technology to
Intelligence

1. I am attaching for your information a report on Information Science Training for Intelligence Community Personnel, together with my memorandum transmitting it to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

2. The report was prepared in response to a recommendation made by the President's Board to provide specialized training in information systems thinking and skills to selected personnel in the intelligence community. In approving the recommendation, the President requested that it be carried out by the intelligence community under my coordination.

3. The report, prepared by USIB's Committee on Documentation, has now been completed and concurred in by all members of the Board, including the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency. It recommends a balanced training program consisting of: (a) graduate level training for selected intelligence personnel at universities which have an outstanding program in the field of information science technology; (b) inclusion of additional data handling instruction in established curricula of present Government intelligence training facilities; and (c) specialized training courses at the Defense Intelligence School in applying information science technology to specific categories of intelligence problems.

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4. Although all three facets of this program apply to the Department of Defense, the third one is a responsibility proposed uniquely for the Defense Intelligence Agency. What is proposed is specialized training at the Defense Intelligence School for personnel of all departments and agencies of the intelligence community designed to provide mid-career training to military and civilian intelligence personnel in the application of information science technology to intelligence problems. Hopefully the services of outstanding authorities could be enlisted to assist carefully selected in-house personnel in the development of these courses.

5. As a vital part of the overall effort to carry out the President's request that intelligence personnel be provided training in information science technology, I would appreciate it if the Department of Defense would undertake, on a priority basis, the development of these specialized courses at the Defense Intelligence School. As you know, the Director of Defense Research and Engineering has a member on the USIB Committee on Documentation and is thus aware of this proposed program. Also, I understand that this matter has been discussed informally with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration).

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Richard Helms
Director

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